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Group believes it may be time to upgrade invocation



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The association responsible for drafting the invocation read before the city's regional council meetings believes it's time the prayer gets an upgrade.

Ifty Illyas is the executive director of the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia, which in 1996 was asked

by Halifax council to write an opening prayer, inclusive of all religions.

The resulting invocation begins with, "God, Our Creator," and ends with "Amen," and is recited by councillors before every

regional council meeting.

Although neither Illyas nor his staff were with the association in 1996, he believes that at the time it would have been inclusive.

"Twenty years ago the thinking was different. Now with a much more broad diversity we have to be mindful of including everybody," he said Thursday.

His review of the invocation came after a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision that ruled a Quebec town council's recitation of a Catholic prayer before meetings violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Citing the growing demographic of atheists and agnostics, Illyas said Halifax's prayer is inclusive of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, but exclusionary to other world views and philosophies.

He has offered the association's help in drafting a new invocation because, religious differences aside, he sees the ritual as important to unify the council "as one voice" in their governance.

However, Shawn Wilson, director of the Halifax chapter of Centre for Inquiry — an organization that advocates for secular thought — disagrees.

"Government should not be promoting any specific religious beliefs," he said Thursday.

He has no issue with individual expressions of faith, but believes there is no place for religious practice of any kind within a government body — especially in 2015.

"It's always important to look at... the laws that govern us, and constantly ask ourselves are those still relevant, if they ever were," he said.

In light of the Supreme Court ruling, Mayor Mike Savage says it's a perfect opportunity to take a critical look at the invocation.

"For a long time we were a predominately Christian community. I think people felt it made sense to have the mention of God," he said. "We are becoming more diverse, more multicultural."

For Savage, prayer is a part of life, but he insists that his "beliefs shouldn't be imposed upon anybody else."

He says he plans to address the issue with councillors, but didn't know if it will be discussed in regional council.

Municipal lawyers are also reviewing the Supreme Court ruling.



It's a good time to review this and decide — do we need to change the invocation, do we need to have the invocation?

Mayor Mike Savage



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City still ticketing for parking in 'snow zones'

STREETS

Temporary no parking signs are being taken down

Julia Manoukian
Metro | Halifax

Several hundred temporary no parking signs could be causing several hundred dollars' worth of unnecessary tickets for motorists across Halifax.

Resident Robert Muse said he contacted the city after he was ticketed for violating a temporary no parking zone on Cedar Street, one of many implemented throughout the city to assist with snow removal in February.

At the time he said there was two feet of snow piled over the curb.

Now, there's none — but the sign still stands.



There's no snow there. The temporary sign is still up and they're still nailing people everyday.

Robert Muse



Cars were parked along Cedar Street near Robie Street close to a temporary no parking sign on Thursday. The sign went up in February to keep the road clear for snow removal. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"Everyday they're snapping up \$75 of people's money," he said, explaining that he's seen at least three cars parked in the otherwise legal spaces getting ticketed every day.

"I mean, I know the government's shy for money, but really, do we need to go to these measures to try to recoup some money?"

He said the city put the temporary sign in a location where

it's not visible until after leaving your parked car.

"If you get out of your car, walk (back) 10-15 feet, you'll see the sign behind says 'no parking,'" he said. "They nailed me the second day."

He speculated the city has forgotten about the temporary sign.

"We definitely haven't forgotten about it," said Halifax Regional Municipality spokes-

woman Jennifer Stairs.

Stairs said typically the city waits until the end of the season to remove signage. And even then, the process is "fairly laborious."

"So there is a bit of a time lapse," she said.

Parking enforcement officers are not informed if a sign is slated for removal, Stairs explained, so they have to respect the signage that's there.

"Technically a no parking sign is there because it was put in place by the traffic regulatory staff, and it's in effect until it is taken down."

"Someone can always contest a ticket if they feel that it's been issued to them unfairly," she adds.

The no parking sign at Robie and Cedar streets is scheduled for takedown in the next few days.

IN BRIEF

Police seek man who approached children

Police are asking the public to help find a man who approached two children in Halifax.

According to a release from Halifax Regional Police, an 8-year-old girl and her 10-year-old brother were playing in their driveway on Edward Arab Avenue around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A stranger approached the pair and struck up a chat with the girl, asking her name and complimenting her basketball skills.

He left when the girl's mother came outside.

The man is described only as a white man in his forties with a thin build and short brown hair, wearing a dark thin jacket.

Police would like to speak with the man and are asking him or anyone who knows him to contact them at 490-5020.

METRO

Correction

A story that appeared in the April 16 edition of Metro Halifax contained an inaccuracy.

The caption on the photo that accompanied the story indicated Andy Fillmore is the MP for the riding of Halifax.

Fillmore is the Liberal candidate for the riding, currently held by NDP MP Megan Leslie. Metro regrets the error.

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UTILITIES

Review possible for stormwater charge

Halifax residents upset with the new stormwater charge on their water bill may soon get another chance to sound off.

Cathie O'Toole, Halifax Water finance director, said Thursday the utility has filed for a stormwater rate design hearing in the fall to review how the money is collected for those services, who is paying and how the costs are shared.

"We know that there are some customers that are not happy with the charge," she said about the \$39 annual right-of-way fee that regional council asked the utility to begin billing on its behalf in January.

"We have to collect funds to deliver (the service), but how the charge is designed is something that we're totally open to."

Last year, O'Toole said, the city was able to use a surplus to cover the stormwater fee, but this year it opted to bill residents within the service boundary who already receive

the site-generated flow charge — widely known as the "ditch tax."

"It probably won't change the size of the pie, but it'll change how the pie gets sliced up," O'Toole said, adding rates wouldn't need to increase.

The hearings will be open to the public, O'Toole said.

Residents will see another bump in their bill when water and wastewater rates go up May 1 — but not as high as previously thought.

O'Toole said the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) had previously approved a \$3.90 monthly rate hike for May, but the final rates will likely rise "approximately \$2.28."

The UARB also approved a 7.3 per cent rate hike for next April.

O'Toole said the main driver for the rate hikes is the need to replace and repair aging infrastructure, some of which is 100 years old.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



Water rates are set to climb about 3.8 per cent next month and another 7.3 per cent next April. METRO FILE



This Farmer Clem's on Portland Street is one of the four locations being closed. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Like somebody dying in the family'

BUSINESS

Most Farmer Clem's stores to close after winter damage



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

More than 50 years after Vernon Blois began selling seeds door to door, a harsh winter has forced him to close most of his Farmer Clem's produce and flower stores.

Blois, whose Farmer Clem's

locations in Dartmouth, Sydney, Fall River and Sackville will close this spring, said Thursday the dramatic snow over the past few months badly damaged his stores or caused them to collapse completely.

"It's sad. One of my daughters said it was ... like somebody dying in the family."

Farmer Clem's began 54 years ago when Blois was 11 years old and began selling seeds around his neighbourhood, he said.

The final Hammonds Plains location will open this spring as soon as they can get through the five-foot

"I've never seen a winter or a spring as devastating as this."

Vernon Blois

snowbanks still surrounding the property to see if there's any damage inside, Blois said.

Besides the structural damage to his property, which wasn't insured for heavy snow, Blois said his Avon Valley Floral suppliers also suffered and couldn't deliver

70 per cent of his plant requirements.

Harsh weather is one thing, but Blois said another factor in the closures — putting about 80 people out of work — has been the lack of government support.

The province forces small businesses to pay high employee deductions and penalizes them if they're not paid on time, Blois said, and then turns "to grant \$22 million to people like the Royal Bank."

After 54 years in the business, Blois said he can't afford to retire right now because his plans depended on the eventual sale of his locations.

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'It's been 25 years of hell': Clayton Miller's mother

CAPE BRETON

Reviews find no evidence of violence in teen's death

Almost 25 years after her son's body was found face down in a shallow brook on the outskirts of a small Cape Breton town, Maureen Miller is challenging the findings of two new reports that echo a series of earlier investigations, all of which concluded Clayton Miller's death was an accident.

"It's been 25 years of hell," Maureen Miller said in an interview Thursday.

"Clayton Miller still matters to me. But to the government and the police, he doesn't matter because there are so many people in government, police forces and the medical profession that have covered this up."

She says the latest investigations, conducted by Nova Scotia's chief medical examiner and the province's independent police watchdog, failed to consider key evidence that proves her 17-year-old son was beaten before he died in 1990.



Clayton Miller CAPE BRETON POST



Supporters of the Miller family outside the Cambridge Suites in Sydney Thursday. CAPE BRETON POST

The two reports conclude Clayton Miller was drunk when he fell into the stream in New Waterford while trying to run from police who had raided a nearby bush party on May 4, 1990. His body was found two days later.

But Miller says she believes the reports are wrong.

Citing autopsy photographs, she says her son's face was badly bruised around the eyes, his upper lip was split and swollen and his nose was so distorted it had to be broken.

Miller says she wants police to reopen their investigation.

The medical examiner's report was prompted by a review presented in September to the provincial justice minister by Kathleen Dwyer, a nurse who concluded that Clayton Miller was killed by a blow to the head and that his body had been moved.

The province's Serious Incident Response Team was called in the following month when allegations surfaced that a member of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service was withholding information about the case.

Dr. Matthew Bowes, the chief medical examiner, said

Bowes' report concluded there is no proof Clayton Miller died a violent death or that his body was moved. He found the cause of his death was probably a combination of exposure to cold conditions and alcohol intoxication.

"If he wasn't beaten, then many of the rumours and conjecture become of no importance," Bowes said in an interview, adding that the seven doctors who reviewed the case over the years had all concluded there was no evidence of a beating.

Bowes says it appears Miller is unwilling to accept that the discolouration and distortion of her son's face was actually caused by the pooling of blood in his head after he died, a common condition known as livor mortis.

As for the review of police involvement, the director of the police watchdog, Ron MacDonald, concluded that the officer accused of withholding information was at the stream the day after the raid, but the officer said he didn't see Clayton Miller's body.

"His evidence was credible and convincing," MacDonald says in his report.

MacDonald's report also discounts a series of rumours, including allegations from a female witness who said Clayton Miller had been beaten by police.

"I can say, beyond any doubt, that there is a complete lack of evidence available to prove that Clayton Miller died as a result of the application of force to his body by anyone, including any police officer," MacDonald says in his report.

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IN BRIEF

Court case for pair accused in Halifax mall shooting plot adjourned

The case involving two people accused of plotting an attack at a Halifax shopping mall has been adjourned until May.

Twenty-three-year-old Lindsay Kantha Souvanarath of Geneva, Ill., and 20-year-old Randall Steven Shepherd of Halifax each face charges including conspiracy to commit murder.

Court is set to resume May 12 for further discussion ahead of a preliminary inquiry tentatively set for June.

Outside court, Crown lawyer Shauna MacDonald says police are still disclosing evidence and much of it is in the form of social media reports.

The Crown alleges the offences involved the Halifax Shopping Centre and were carried out in concert with James Lee Gamble, a 19-year-old man found dead in his Halifax home.

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One week left for public input on transit redesign

Halifax Transit is winding down the public consultation phase of the Moving Forward Together redesign.

According to a release from the agency, a second Twitter town hall will be held Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.

The public consultation and surveys will close at midnight on April 24.

According to the release, more than 10,400 surveys were completed by the public and 20 public engagement sessions were held.

Once the public consultation period ends, staff will review the feedback and adjust the plan as required before bringing it to regional council. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The number of autopsies conducted on Clayton Miller.

Also the number of RCMP investigations into Miller's death, along with a fatality inquiry and a police commission review.

Thursday that investigators "could spend a lifetime" chasing down and documenting every bit of speculation.

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Volunteers Marc Hemphill, left, and Joz deBailey operate the train Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Bring back our fire truck: IWK

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Part swiped by unknown person late last month

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Halifax

An important piece has gone missing from the beloved IWK Health Centre model train set.

A light-up fire truck, a favourite of the kids, was forcefully removed from the display in late March.

Marc Hemphill, a volunteer conductor at the IWK for the past three years, says that the fire truck has been a big crowd-pleaser for years.

"It was a rather interesting fire truck that was specially

wired with all kinds of fantastic lights," he said. "It is a very nice gizmo actually, and the kids really liked to push the button."

Hemphill says that he and other volunteers are really hoping to have the fire truck returned. He says it's a key component of their elaborate model village and that it brightens the day of kids, parents and staff at the IWK.

"This facility is so welcomed by the kids and the parents when they come to the hospital," he said. "It is a great distraction, so we really hold it dear."

Brad Pittman, whose family has spent some time at the hospital, says it helps to amuse children when they're visiting.

Pittman's young daughter Stephanie couldn't get enough of the model train set, pointing and giggling as the train went around the track and past her.

"You need stuff like this to keep kids entertained," said Pittman.

Although his family doesn't spend a significant amount of time at the hos-

pital, Pittman said he understands the significance of the model train set to those who are there more often.

"I can imagine that for kids who spend a lot of time here, they need something to make them happy," he said.

The IWK asks that whoever took the fire truck return it to the security desk or the model train station.

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It is a great distraction, so we really hold it dear.

Marc Hemphill

IN BRIEF

Prepare for flooding: EMO

The provincial Emergency Management Organization is warning residents that with "considerable" snow and ice still on the ground, there is a risk of flooding as temperatures continue to rise. A release states that some communities have already experienced flooding and encourages residents to be prepared.

The release suggests keeping storm drains clear of snow and ensuring water can drain away from homes and basements.

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EDUCATION

Program for kids with autism grows

Twenty to 25 new spaces will be added in September to a program in Nova Scotia that helps prepare children with autism to start school.

The \$10-million program will now have a total of 110 spaces available for children.

The government says it has a waiting list of

25 children who are scheduled to enter school in 2016 at the age of six.

It says a recent review of the program found it is effective in helping children develop communications skills, follow directions, pay attention and control their emotions.

The program began in 2005. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The program will now have a total of 110 spaces available for children.

Women targeted for taking stance on 'Slut Whisperer'

FEMINISM

Cancellation of event spurs backlash on social media

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Halifax

After Ally Lord took a stance against a local event featuring the person known as the "Slut Whisperer," she found out just how mean people hiding behind screens can be.

"There were a lot of people ganging up on me, calling me names and saying that I should just not go to the event if it upset me," said Lord.

An event featuring New York photographer Kirill Bichutsky was booked for the Argyle Bar & Grill this Saturday.

It was cancelled after the bar's owners followed up on complaints from locals who said Bichutsky's "Slut Whisperer" persona was misogynist, and told the event promoter that the photographer wasn't welcome.

Lord was one of several people in Halifax who protested the event via social media.

She says that the most disheartening thing about the response was not the name calling.

"It makes me feel really terrible because all of the people I saw involved on social media were women," she said.

"That is exactly who I was advocating for — women to be free of misogyny, but they are encouraging it instead. It makes me more sad than anything."

Second-year Dalhousie student Rosa Poirier-McKiggan

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Promoter wasn't involved in booking event

One local event organizer wants to clear the air after being mistakenly dragged into the debacle.

Arjun Varma, owner of Rise Hali Entertainment, says that he helped sell tickets for the Bichutsky event, but contrary to some social media posts, didn't organize or promote it.

Varma says his parties are mostly for students and have themes like Frosh Week, Halloween and St. Patrick's Day.

"I try and keep myself away from doing any kind of controversial events; it isn't the kind of event I would throw in Halifax," he said. "It is not something I would book, definitely not."

also spoke out publicly against Bichutsky.

Although she also received negative feedback, she says she's happy the protest has sparked conversation and set a standard for future events.

Her only concern is that the controversy has likely garnered more fame for Bichutsky.

"It is more about recognition for him," she said. "He might even get more followers."

Despite the backlash, Lord says she wouldn't hesitate to take a stand in future.

"Small-minded people are always going to be small-minded," she said. "I think it is worth taking some backlash on if you know you are doing the right thing for you and your community — and humanity."



SPRING HAS SPRUNG Sean Colter takes a break on his way to classes to swing on University Avenue on Thursday morning. The snow banks have now receded enough that he's able to use the swing. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Man dies after being struck by falling tree

A 57-year-old Nova Scotia man has died after he was struck by a tree he was cutting down at a work site in Hants County on Thursday morning.

At around 7:15 a.m., the RCMP were called to investigate a sudden death in a wooded area off Castle Frederick Road.

Police are saying the victim, who worked on a nearby farm, died at the scene when he was struck by a tree.

The name of the deceased is not being released until next-of-kin are notified. Foul play is not suspected.

The Department of Labour and Advanced Education is assisting with the investigation.

HANTS JOURNAL

Stolen property seized in search of home: RCMP

Halifax RCMP say the search of a Waverley property led to the seizure of stolen property and one arrest.

According to a release, officers with the Lower Sackville RCMP and Halifax District Street Crime Enforcement Unit carried out a search warrant at a home on Waverley Road on April 14.

Officers seized several pieces of stolen property related to previous property crimes, and arrested an adult man at the scene.

A 47-year-old Waverley man is facing charges of break, enter and theft, trafficking in stolen property, possession of property obtained by crime and five counts of breach probation.

He's scheduled to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on May 20.

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IN BRIEF

20-year-old man charged in gas-station robbery

A 20-year-old man is facing charges after a Dartmouth gas station was robbed early Thursday morning, police say.

Halifax Regional Police say they responded to the Ultramar at 219 Pleasant St. around 3 a.m.

According to a release, a man entered the store, indicated that he had a weapon and demanded cash and cigarettes.

He was given the cash and cigarettes and ran away, police said.

A K-9 unit tracked the man to a nearby residence on Cusack Street.

Police arrested a suspect and recovered the stolen items.

METRO

Man, 49, faces charges over stolen credit card

A man has been arrested after a credit card was stolen from a downtown bar, police say.

According to a release from Halifax Regional Police, a woman was at a bar March 20 when she realized her purse, containing her credit card, had been stolen.

When she reported the theft to the credit-card company the next day, she was told her card had been used several times at Halifax businesses.

On Wednesday, police arrested a 49-year-old man at a Cole Harbour home.

He's due in court in June to face several charges. METRO



The Halifax Regional School Board has approval from the province to buy the Shannon Park Elementary School site in Dartmouth from the federal government for \$313,000. Parents worried the land would be sold to a developer. JEFF HARPER/METRO

School gets reprieve with land purchase

EDUCATION

Province gives board approval to buy site from feds for \$313K



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The uncertainty around whether kids at Shannon Park Elementary would be affected by a potential land sale has been

put to rest.

Dartmouth's Shannon Park Elementary School sits on an area that had been owned by Canada Lands, the federal branch that owns the nearby old military site. On Wednesday, the Halifax Regional School Board got permission from the province to use surplus funds to buy the land for \$313,000.

"We've been asking for quite a long time, maybe around two years," board member Gin Yee said Thursday.

Yee said the board had been waiting for the Department of

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It gives the parents the that comfort they were looking for.

Coun. Darren Fisher

Education to sign off on the purchase. Canada Lands had given the board until April to buy the land.

Area councillor Darren Fisher said Thursday he was happy to hear about the purchase, as he had been hearing from

concerned parents who didn't know what the plan was or if their children would have to attend another school.

"Parents were of the thought ... 'Are they going to sell it to a developer and build a Boston Pizza?'" Fisher said.

"It gives the parents that sense of comfort that they were looking for, the fact that this is going to give them the ability to plan for next year."

However, Yee said the school is aging and the board will be asking for \$1.5 million in renovations from the province next year.

LIQUOR CORP.

PCs slam \$140K seminar

A \$140,000 weekend training session for senior managers at the Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. is being panned by the Opposition Progressive Conservatives as an indefensible expense in a time of fiscal restraint.

The Tories obtained details of the training seminar through an access-to-information request, which said it will be held at the Inverary Inn in Baddeck next month and include about 200 employees from across the province.

Finance critic Tim Houston told the legislature Thursday that the expense is an unjustifiable use of taxpayer dollars after the government announced program cuts and layoffs in last week's budget.

Houston said that while he understands the value of getting employees together, he thinks there may be a cheaper way to train employees of the Crown corporation than to book a weekend at the Cape Breton resort.

"You can certainly do that for a lot less than \$140,000, especially in the financial times that the premier is talking about," Houston said.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen said she doesn't know the details of the event but she will look into it. However, she touted Nova Scotia Liquor's value to the province's coffers.

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SAGUENAY, QUE.

Mayor will comply with prayer ruling

The Quebec mayor who would recite a prayer at the beginning of municipal council meetings expressed surprise Thursday at the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling that the practice must be stopped.

Saguenay Mayor Jean Tremblay said he will comply with the judgment, even though he doesn't agree with it.

"I respect the decision, and we will stop the prayer, for sure, but I can't be in agreement with it after having fought for so long," he told a news conference.

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the reading of a Catholic prayer at council meetings infringes on freedom of conscience and religion. Canadian society has evolved and given rise to a "concept of neutrality according to which the state must not interfere in religion and beliefs," the judgment said.



Being neutral does not necessarily mean rejecting religion.

Saguenay Mayor
Jean Tremblay

"The state must instead remain neutral in this regard."

The ruling ended an eight-year legal battle that pitted atheist Alain Simoneau and a secular-rights organization against Tremblay. The Supreme Court did not rule on the legality of religious symbols — and that prompted Tremblay to urge governments other than at the municipal level to get involved in defending the presence of such objects in city halls and legislatures.

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TRIAL

PM's makeup paid by Duffy contract: Crown

Stephen Harper's name surfaced at the Mike Duffy trial Thursday as court heard from a string of contractors who were paid through a taxpayer-funded account that the suspended senator allegedly used to skirt finance rules.

A former intern, a makeup artist and a personal trainer all described being paid by companies run by Duffy's longtime friend Gerald Donohue for services they provided to the senator — and in one case, to the prime minister as well.

The cheques form the basis for six of 30 fraud and breach-of-trust charges faced by Duffy, in addition to a single count of bribery involving a cheque that came from Harper's former chief of staff.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

The money came at Duffy's request, court heard; both makeup artist Jacqueline Lambert and personal trainer Michael Croskery testified he explicitly told them to bill either Maple Ridge Media or Ottawa ICF, both companies run by Donohue.

Cheques cut by Maple Ridge included \$300 sent to Lambert, who had known Duffy for years in his role at CTV.

She was first called to do his makeup as a senator in 2009, for a photo shoot, and Duffy told her to send him the invoice personally. A letter introduced earlier in court from the Senate showed the expense wasn't approved. THE CANADIAN PRESS



VANCOUVER INDIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS SIKH TEMPLE

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrive at the Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan, a Sikh temple, in Vancouver on Thursday. Dozens of placard-waving protesters gathered about a block away as Modi arrived. Their shouts could be heard at the Sikh temple before Modi showed up, smiling and waving. Police cordoned off the building where Modi and Harper were to spend about 30 minutes before travelling to a Hindu temple in Surrey, B.C. Several hundred people were inside to see Modi, who is the first Indian prime minister to visit the oldest Sikh temple in North America.

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Report prompts apology from CBC

JIAN GHOMESHI

Investigation launched after allegations surfaced

A scathing report detailing the failure of CBC managers to stop star radio host Jian Ghomeshi's alleged inappropriate workplace behaviour elicited a profuse apology Thursday from its president.

A humbled Hubert Lacroix offered his "sincere and unqualified apology to our employees and to Canadians" as findings of a 52-page report were revealed, including allegations that the disgraced Ghomeshi belittled

colleagues, played cruel pranks and, in a "small number of cases," sexually harassed them.

The report, which redacted portions that could identify employees, also concluded that Ghomeshi's managers knew about inappropriate behaviour but failed to act or hold the former Q host accountable.

"The findings of this report are troubling, they're disappointing and they point to lapses in our system and concerns about our culture," Lacroix told a conference call.

Outside investigator Janice Rubin interviewed 99 people over five months to prepare the report, which proposed nine recommendations that include a confidential hotline for employees

and a "respect-at-work and human-rights" ombudsperson.

The investigation was launched after CBC fired Ghomeshi in October, saying there was "graphic evidence" he had caused physical injury to a woman.

Claims eventually emerged from more than a dozen women who alleged sexual or physical assault. Ghomeshi has admitted in a Facebook posting that he engaged in "rough sex" but insisted it was always consensual.

Ghomeshi faces seven counts of sexual assault and one of overcoming resistance by choking, but his lawyer has said he will plead not guilty to all charges. One of the complainants is a former CBC employee.

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+ DETAILS

Some of the investigator's recommendations:

- Review and clarify policies which set out behavioural standards at the CBC, along with the Canadian Media Guild union
- Provide training to both staff and managers on revised policies
- Create a confidential hotline for employees to report concerns and complaints
- Create a new "respect-at-work and human-rights" ombudsperson position that reports to the chief executive of the CBC

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Guards protect last male rhino of his kind

The world's only remaining male northern white rhino is now under armed guard all day and night, and an online campaign is looking to raise funds to keep these "rhino rangers" to help protect the subspecies from extinction.

Kenya's Ol Pejeta Conservancy has launched a GoFundMe campaign aiming to crowdfund 75,000 pounds, or \$136,000 Canadian dollars, to help employ rangers to protect 42-year-old Sudan and other animals.

Rhinos have become targets for poachers, fueled by belief in Asia that their horns have medicinal properties.

In addition to the armed security, and using anti-poaching dogs, the conservancy attaches radio transmitters to the animals in order to collect intelligence on poaching in the area.

The 36,400-hectare reserve is home to two other northern white rhinos, of the only five remaining in the world.

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Sudan, the final remaining male northern white rhino, is protected 24 hours a day by armed guards. THE OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY VIA TWITTER



Migrants are transferred to holding centres after disembarking from Italian Coast Guard ship Dattilo, Thursday. CARMELO IMBESI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police detain 15; say Muslims threw Christians overboard

MIGRATION CRISIS

Accused of homicide, religious hate

Italy's migration crisis took on a deadly new twist Thursday as police in Sicily reported that Muslim migrants had thrown 12 Christians overboard during a recent crossing from Libya, and an aid group said another 41 were feared drowned in a separate incident.

Palermo police said they had

detained 15 people suspected in the high seas assault, which they learned of while interviewing tearful survivors from Nigeria and Ghana who had arrived in Palermo Wednesday morning after being rescued at sea by the ship *Ellensborg*.

The 15 were accused of multiple homicide aggravated by religious hatred, police said in a statement.

The survivors said they had boarded a rubber boat April 14 on the Libyan coast with 105 passengers aboard, part of the wave of migrants taking advantage of

calm seas and warm weather to make the risky crossing from Libya, where most smuggling operations originate.

During the crossing, the migrants from Nigeria and Ghana — believed to be Christians — were threatened with being abandoned at sea by some 15 other passengers from the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mali and Guinea Bissau.

Eventually the threat was carried out and 12 were pushed overboard. The statement said the motive was that the victims "professed the Christian faith

while the aggressors were Muslim."

The surviving Christians, the statement said, only managed to stay on board by forming a "human chain" to resist the assault.

Earlier Thursday, the International Organization of Migration said four migrants who were picked up in recent days by the Italian Navy reported a shipwreck to aid workers after arriving in the Italian port of Trapani Thursday. Their boat had originally been carrying 45 people; the others are presumed dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10,000

An unprecedented wave of migrants has headed for the European Union's promised shores over the past week, with 10,000 people making the trip. Hundreds — nobody knows how many — have disappeared into the Mediterranean, including 41 migrants reported dead Thursday after a shipwreck.

IN BRIEF

Thousands flee as ISIL advances on Ramadi, Iraq

More than 2,000 families have fled the Iraqi city of Ramadi with little more than the clothes on their backs, officials said Thursday, as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) closed in on the capital of western Anbar province, clashing with Iraqi troops and turning it into a ghost town.

The extremist group, which has controlled the nearby city of Fallujah for more than a year, captured three villages on Ramadi's eastern outskirts on Wednesday.

The advance is widely seen as a counteroffensive after ISIL lost the city of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, earlier this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MASS GRAVE

Congo prepared to exhume 421 bodies

Congo's government is ready to exhume the bodies of more than 400 people buried in a mass grave in March following allegations of killings, a minister said Thursday.

Police, judiciary and the administration have opened inquiries into the burial of 421 bodies in rural Maluku, and magistrates will determine if an exhumation is needed, said Justice and Human Rights Minister Alexis Thambwe Mwamba.

Congolese authorities have said the mass grave in Maluku holds fetuses, stillborn babies and homeless people that were buried to make room in the Kinshasa morgue. The opposition and rights groups have called for independent investigations, saying that those buried in the

mass grave include demonstrators killed during protests in January against a revision of an electoral law.

"There is nothing taboo, and nothing to hide," Mwamba said. "If the investigating magistrates determine we must exhume, we will exhume in plain light of day, in the presence of diplomats of the world."

He said that hundreds of people die daily in Kinshasa, and many bodies go unclaimed.

"The Congolese government has not spoken the truth about the bodies buried in Maluku," countered Martin Fayulu, one of the leaders of the opposition.

The United Nations Human Rights Office said the allegations were reported to it last month.

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Craft flew under the radar

UNITED STATES

Gyrocopter pilot arrested; exposes gap in U.S. security

The gyrocopter that landed on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol "apparently literally flew in under the radar," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Thursday, as concerned lawmakers questioned how it was allowed to happen and why.

Johnson said it's too soon to say whether Wednesday's incident should prompt changes in security procedures. "I want to know all the facts before I reach an assessment of what can and should be done about gyrocopters in the future," he said.

But lawmakers said the incident exposed a gap in security, especially amid revelations that the pilot, Florida postal worker Doug Hughes, was interviewed by the Secret Service almost two years ago. The agency apparently determined he did not pose a threat, said Rep. Elijah Cummings, the senior

+ WHO KNEW?

Officials knew, two say

A Senate aide said the Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity. Also, a friend of Doug Hughes said the Secret Service was alerted beforehand because of concerns he would get shot down.

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Democrat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Cummings spoke Thursday with the Secret Service director.

"I think that there's absolutely a gap, and it's a very dangerous gap, with regard to our airspace," Cummings said. "I don't want people to get a message that they can just land anywhere. Suppose there was a bomb or an explosive device on that air vehicle? That could have been a major catastrophe."

Johnson said the Secret Service passed along the informa-



Police arrested a man who steered his craft onto the lawn of the U.S. Capitol. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tion from the interview with Hughes, who was to appear in court Thursday afternoon, to "all of the appropriate law enforcement agencies."

The tiny, open-air aircraft landed without injuries to anyone, but the incident raises

questions about how someone could be allowed to fly all the way from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, right up to the Capitol. Hughes has said he was making the flight to publicize his concerns about the corrupting influence of money in politics,

and deliver letters to all 535 members of Congress on the topic.

"We are a democracy. We don't have fences around our airspace, so we've got to find the right balance between living in a free and open society

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Suppose there was a bomb or an explosive device on that air vehicle?

Rep. Elijah Cummings

and security and the protection of federal buildings," Johnson told reporters on Capitol Hill. "And so we want to stay one step ahead of every incident like this, but then again, you don't want to overreact, either."

Still, lawmakers questioned why, if authorities had been in touch with Hughes, no action was taken to stop him.

"My concerns are the prior notice that he was going to do this and the lack of response," said Rep. Michael McCaul, a Republican. A Senate aide said the Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off. Hughes has worked for the Postal Service for 11 years. He said he kept his Russian-born wife and 12-year-old daughter in the dark about his plan.

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FINANCE SURGING STOCK Kristina Salen, centre left, Etsy's chief financial officer, stands with Chad Dickerson, centre right, chairman and chief executive officer, to celebrate the company's IPO with employees and guests at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York on Thursday. Shares of arts-and-crafts retailer Etsy surged in opening trading on the Nasdaq. After pricing at \$16 late Wednesday, the stock opened at nearly double that and hit a high of \$35.73 in morning trading. The company is valued at \$3.33 billion, based on afternoon trading just shy of \$30. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cirque du Soleil sale imminent

CULTURE

Deal would give 60 per cent majority share to TPG Capital

Emotions are running high at Cirque du Soleil as the company is preparing to announce the sale of the famed Quebec circus troupe on Monday, even though co-founder Guy Laliberté has yet to fully sign off on the transaction.

Employees are sad because an era in one of Quebec's creative success stories seems to be on the verge of change, said a former senior official who remains close to old colleagues.

"I'm very emotional because it's the end of something extraordinary," said the source, who didn't want to be identified.

Laliberté told workers on Wednesday he had not yet concluded a sale agreement, which reports say would be for something under \$2 billion.

"To be perfectly honest, there are a lot of discussions taking place at the moment," Laliberté wrote in a short email. "However, and as I usually do, be sure that you will be the first informed."

Sources close to the deal say U.S. private equity firm TPG Capital is close to completing a deal that involves Quebec pension fund manager the Caisse de depot and a large Chinese investment fund.

Laliberté would reportedly continue to hold 10 per cent of the company after the sale and the Caisse another 10 per cent, with TPG holding 60 per cent and China's Fosun Capital the remaining 20 per cent.

The new owners plan to maintain the Cirque's headquarters in Montreal and would expand its operations by opening a support office in Shanghai, where Fosun is based.

"Any transaction would involve both the management and creative soul of the company remaining in Montreal," said a source close to the deal. "TPG very much appreciates the

unique cultural heritage of the Cirque."

TPG is the world's largest casino owner, with a stake in Caesar's Entertainment, while Fosun owns Club Med resorts.

The purchase price is reportedly less than what Laliberté was seeking.

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"Host culture enabled Ghomeshi to rule with impunity a long time"

I've worked at public broadcasters and I know so-called host culture.

Why doesn't CBC executive Heather Conway?

She and other Mother Corp leaders appeared humbled yesterday in the face of a scathing report on workplace culture at Q — sorry, q. We apologize, we fully accept the report's findings and we'll implement the recommendations swiftly, they chanted.

The report found that a range of abuses by Jian Ghomeshi went unchecked and host culture played a key role. But pressed on how CBC would deal with host culture, Conway downplayed its very existence. "I'm not sure that host culture, or the premise, is an excuse for managers not managing," she said. She also rejected the idea it's a problem with other hosts.

Well, I'd refer Conway back to that report the CBC commissioned, because in the words of one witness, it's "definitely an issue."

Also known as "keeping the talent happy" — a phrase I picked up while working for the CBC and BBC — host culture means that "my voice next to his would mean nothing," as one alleged Ghomeshi victim has told media.

Now that Ghomeshi's gone, though, we shouldn't worry, according to Conway.

That's despite the fact that the report dedicated a whole

section to host culture and how it enabled Ghomeshi to rule with impunity, and despite the fact that witnesses said it's been a problem at the broadcaster "for a long time."

Host culture is not some kind of Q anomaly. Egos in media are notorious for a reason. Ghomeshi's an extreme example of a subtle and pervasive hierarchy where the face of a program gets deferential treatment due to their pivotal and public role in a program's success.

And maybe the worst thing about host culture is how closely tied it is to the kind of celebrity the CBC was chasing in Ghomeshi. The celebrity that helped him reach those ugly heights and kept him there too long. We know from other cases, such as the horrific Jimmy Savile child-abuse scandal at the BBC, that placating and protecting celebrity talent is dangerous.

To deny that role in the Ghomeshi affair, or even to reject its presence elsewhere in the CBC, will only do one thing: protect the powerful.

CBC leadership is promising a "culture shift." They're going to clean up the mess of inadequate policies and management failures. They're going to make the hierarchy clear, and the host won't be at the top of it, so they say.

But that means nothing if host culture persists. Oh sorry, I forgot. It doesn't exist.

Happy face/Sad face

From an update on **marijuana use** to the lowdown on **discrimination** in the lab, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week.



World's most unhorrible boss

Seattle's Dan Price took a 90 per cent, \$930,000 pay cut at his payment-processing company so he could raise salaries for his 120 staff. From an annual average of \$48,000, everyone will be making at least \$70,000 by 2018. There's greater inequality today than there's been since the Great Recession, Price observed. "This is a capitalist solution to a social problem," he said. "I think it pays for itself, I really do."



All the dope on declining dope use

Statistics Canada reports marijuana use may be down among teens and young adults. The percentage of 15- to 24-year-olds who've partaken dropped from 2002 to 2012. Gender-wise, 49 per cent of males have tried it compared to 36 per cent of females. Nor is it necessarily a gateway drug: most cocaine and heroin users have used marijuana. But most marijuana users have never used other illicit drugs.



A water hazard with real teeth

There were no crocodile tears for golfer John Lahiff, 75, after he was bitten in the right calf at a resort in northern Australia. "It's partly my fault for disturbing it," he said stoically. "It was just sunbaking." He was navigating a water trap when the 1.2-metre croc showed up. Attacks from younger crocs are rare, said local authorities. But he's lucky it was little. Adult crocs can measure six metres long, with teeth to match.



Scientists want fame for females, too

UBC scientists Judy Illes and Catherine Anderson quit the selection committee of the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame after only men were nominated for the second year in a row. The public does the nominating, but Illes said more could be done to change perceptions that science is a male pursuit. "To have zero women two years in a row signifies a failure on our part to really reach out as needed."



Don't click if you can't commit to an e-vite

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Last week I went to a sad birthday party to which I was the seventh and last guest to arrive. There's nothing wrong with a small party, unless it wasn't planned as a small party.

What made this one particularly heartbreaking was that in the middle of the room sat a giant charcuterie plate — picture a surfboard covered in salami and paté. When the butcher (charcuterie artist?) had asked how many guests were expected, the birthday girl had estimated 25 based on her Facebook invite: 28 "attending," nine "maybes." With me as the final arrival, let's just say she was eating salty meats for several days

afterward.

With this not being the first under-attended party I've been at over the past year, I got to wondering: has Facebook made us flakier than skin in winter?

I've suffered similar humiliations. When I threw a party last New Year's Eve, my Facebook invitation boasted 30 confirmed attendees. Instead, I rang in 2014 among an awkward mix of 11 people I kind of knew. The biggest sting wasn't just people not showing up; it was who hadn't shown up — close friends who'd made comments on the invite like, "See you tonight!" and "Can't wait!"

Should auld acquaintance be forgot? Uh, if you're not even going to show up to my party, then yeah, forget you. The only thing worse than waking up on Jan. 1 hung over after a big party is waking up

hung over after a tiny party. "Happy New Year! You're a loser!"

People have been bailing on plans since the beginning of time — I'm sure there was once a lonely caveman standing in an empty cave with an abundance of fire and paleo snacks — but because of the removed nature of "e-vites," our inability to commit is out of control. Clicking on a virtual button is way less of an emotional investment than speaking or making eye contact.

And I get it: Facebook and other social-networking sites have expanded my IRL social life greatly. I'm a comedian, so I have 2,033 FB friends. I probably know like 42 of them (and like like 15 of them) but I get invited to ALL of their events.

It's only human: you see an invite and you want to look

like you care, you want to look social, so you press "Going" or "Join." But often we click whether we intend to go or not, forgetting that at the other end of the Internet is a friend or acquaintance who sees our acceptance with glee. That person then starts excitedly planning and vacuuming and putting melon balls and prosciutto on toothpicks.

There is a disconnect between your mouse and that person's feelings that we need to address. We need to revisit our callous clicking because the more you try to look like you care online, the more of an uncaring monster you look in real life.

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NEW RELEASE

Unfriended is social commentary masked as a horror film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



The best horror films are never only about the Double Gs — guts and gore.

Sure, part of the appeal of scary movies is that they make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end, and that frequently requires a spray of blood or a nightmarish vision of terror in the form of Freddy

Kruger or Jason Voorhees, but great horror films are always about something other than the thrills and chills.

To be truly effective, scary pictures must tap into a collective anxiety; societal hot buttons that elevate the frights to a new level.

For instance, *Frankenstein* plays on people's fear of science while *Godzilla* is an obvious cultural metaphor for nuclear weapons in reaction to the devastation of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and you don't have to be Sigmund Freud to see Dracula as the metaphorical embodiment of everything from drug addiction and old age to alternative lifestyles and capitalism.

Perhaps the most socially self-aware horror film of all is *Night of the Living Dead*. It's

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Unfriended ★★★★★
Monkey Kingdom ★★★★★
Desert Dancer ★★

HOW RATING WORKS
 ★★★★★ SEE IT
 ★★★ WORTHWHILE
 ★★ UP TO YOU
 ★ SKIP IT

got zombies galore but director George A. Romero had the braaiiins to include a subtext that echoed the contemporary state of America's race relations, the horrors of Vietnam and cynicism with government. It's the best of both worlds: a thought-provoking movie that gushes with gore.

Film historian Linda Badley suggests *Night of the Living Dead* horrifies because the zombies weren't bizarre creatures from outer space or from Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory,

but because, "They're us."

This weekend a new film, *Unfriended*, turns the camera, or in this case the Skype screen, on us in an eerie story about bullying.

On the surface, *Unfriended* may look like a cheapo teen horror flick with a cast of unknowns — which it is, but so was *Night of the Living Dead* — but by basing the plot in the world of social media and the bad behaviour that comes along with anonymous avatars, it becomes a ripped-from-

the-headlines comment on a very touchy societal subject.

The movie begins a year after Laura, a popular high school student, has been cyber shamed into killing herself.

A teenage girl is on a group Skype session when she begins to receive cryptic and threatening messages from Laura's old account. As the movie unfolds, secrets are revealed and the danger is amped up.

The mysterious killer is a hoary old horror convention, but here it's told in the contemporary language of millennials.

Unsurprisingly, the movie has already sparked the interest of the Y Generation — the trailer garnered almost 300,000 Twitter comments on its first day. Millennials relate to the setting (by and large, it takes place on a computer

screen) and are all too familiar with the everyday brutality of Twitter, Facebook, Skype, Instagram and Spotify.

They understand what a minefield the web can be and the filmmakers realized the narrative possibilities of creating cinema's first deadly Internet troll. Freddy Kruger is your father's baddie; the new horror comes in bits and bytes.

Similar to *Psycho*'s Norman Bates or the undead of *28 Days Later*, the kids of *Unfriended* tell a very specific story — the sad tale of a teen suicide — that becomes a universal horror tale by making the characters and setting ordinary and relatable.

Like the best of classic fright films, it breathes new life into a form we've seen before by recontextualizing it for a new generation.

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Three sequels that really sucked

Chris Alexander
MetroLife

Back in 2009, this critic drew the short straw and was assigned by my cruel editor to cover the movie Paul Blart: Mall Cop. The film featured King of Queens star Kevin James as an overweight, simple minded, Segway riding mall security guard with delusions of grandeur who ends up foiling a bank robbery and getting the girl. The film is as flat as can be: a laugh-free, dim-bulb wallow in "fat guy" humor and tacky action set pieces and when, after the press screening, I found myself in a hotel room interviewing James, he was such a sweetheart, I truly felt sorry for him having to be trapped in such cinematic slop.

That pity was unwarranted, however as Blart when on to become a surprise box-office hit. And now, 5 years later, James is back in his button-straining white work shirt, wheeling through the



running time of Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. And lo and behold, here we are again, dear Metro readers, me drawing the short straw and you reading my words.

This time however, instead of riffing on the film itself, we've opted to turn our attentions to a slew of other

studio sequels that nobody really asked for.

Some are follow-ups to iconic films that should have remained one-shots; some are companions to pictures that weren't very good to begin with.

But one thing's for sure: all of them stink!

An American Werewolf in Paris

John Landis' 1981 classic An American Werewolf in London is a fascinating horror/comedy hybrid full of stark terror, imagination, eroticism and heart as well as revolutionary Rick Baker designed makeup gags. This limp, belated and virtually unrelated sequel has none of these qualities, armed as it is with a chemistry-free cast, shoddy digital effects and no atmosphere whatsoever. Blech!



Grease 2

The original Grease was and remains an immaculate confection, with endlessly singable tunes, John Travolta in peak form and groovy dance numbers. The woefully inept, Travolta-free, Grease 2 has a young Michelle Pfeiffer doing her best to make songs about how awesome bowling is, work. She can't...



Staying Alive

Travolta may have sat Grease 2 out, but he showed up for director Sylvester Stallone's awful followup to Saturday Night Fever. In it, Travolta's macho doofus Tony is still strutting around NYC, but this time he's gunning for his big Broadway break. Said break is an operatic dance number called Satan's Alley — a most bloated and ridiculous spectacle.

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VIDEO GAMES

Band-based titles back in the games

With Guitar Hero and Rock Band preparing new editions for later in 2015, band-based video games have gone from rock star fantasy to ignominy before this year's comeback.

The beginnings

Inspired by a Japanese arcade franchise GuitarFreaks, Massachusetts studio Harmonix produced a console equivalent in 2005's Guitar Hero, powered by special guitar-shaped controllers — an immediate, industry-changing success.

Harmonix's partner RedOctane was acquired by Activision, who then published 2006 sequel Guitar Hero II. By that time, Harmonix had started working on an expanded vision of its original concept.

In the band

2007's Rock Band took lead, rhythm and bass guitar elements, integrating aspects of GuitarFreaks sibling DrumMania and Harmonix's earlier Karaoke Revolution. Players could now drum a plastic kit or sing. Likewise, 2008's Guitar Hero World Tour supported a similar range of instrument-shaped controllers and multi-track songs.

Five fully fledged titles were released over the course of 2009: Activision diversified by offering Guitar Hero 5, pop variant Band Hero, and the turntablist's DJ Hero, while Harmonix had licensed spin-offs Lego Rock Band and The Beatles: Rock Band. Half a dozen more supplementary song packs were also made available.

Rock bottom

But as it turned out, 2007 entry



Video games Guitar Hero Live (pictured) and Rock Band 4 promise something new in 2015. CONTRIBUTED

Guitar Hero III had marked the genre's peak. By the end of 2010, several Guitar Hero teams had closed and Harmonix had parted with then-owner Viacom, focusing instead on Dance Central and Disney's Fantasia: Music Evolved for Microsoft.

Further innovation came from an unexpected source. Ubisoft stepped in with 2011's full-on guitar tutor Rocksmith. It proved genuinely capable of teaching musical skills.

Comeback tour

A rejuvenated Harmonix is returning to a vision of social, shared, party-vibe experiences for late 2015's Rock Band 4.

Meanwhile, Activision's comeback Guitar Hero Live takes a different approach to authenticity. Its guitar controller has six wood-toned buttons that help approximate real chord shapes. Visually, it leverages rock concert footage to create an immediate, on-stage view. More than technical mastery, this is now about selling an adrenalin experience. AFP

Ex Machina puts face on being non-human

SCI-FI

Swedish actress on challenges of robot role

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Alicia Vikander plays a robot with A.I. capabilities in Ex Machina. She talked to Metro while promoting the new film.

Ex Machina is an unusual way to do a sci-fi film: It's very stripped down, its effects organic to the narrative. At times, with its single digit characters, it plays like a play.

It's a chamber piece. To be able to have such long scenes is very rare. Very often you start a scene, you start to get into it, and then it's over. You find a certain path you hadn't taken in another take. In this film you really had the chance to execute whatever new influences or directions you found.

The question in the film is whether Ava, your robotic character, genuinely thinks and feels independent of her programming. How did you approach that?

With any part, even when you're trying to create a new character, you can at least relate to the fact that they're human. With this you



In Ex Machina, Alicia Vikander, right, plays a robot with a human face. CONTRIBUTED

couldn't even do that.

I figured that because they were questioning whether she was real or not that her maker must have come very far (in programming her). I wanted her to come very close to that idea. Alex (Garland, the writer-director) was very open about it. I basically had a blank sheet. It was one of those roles you really want because you're quite terrified and scared of taking it on, but you do get to try whatever you want.

It's a film that gets at the heart of what defines consciousness: She's designed, but in a sense we all are. I could ask myself 10,000 questions. If I said something

did I know that I said it? Did I have any intention of saying it?

Was it something I was programmed to say or something I learned? It was scary, be-

cause the questions kept coming, one after another. But if you do believe she has a conscience then she's a girl being locked up. And if not, then she's a machine in a space.

WOMAN OR MACHINE

Mechanical dynamics

In the movie the scientist, played by Oscar Isaac, creates women, locks them up and then dismantles them if they don't fulfill their duties. Asked if the film can be read as a feminist statement about a man, Vikander says: "It comes down to

the general view of women, and sexualizing them, in our society. But then there's also the fact that she is an object. There's a double-side to it, depending on how you see it.

"Alex wasn't necessarily making a feminist film, but he was bringing up truths in our society."



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Michael Douglas, unhinged

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Acting legend at full throttle in *Beyond the Reach* thriller

Chris Alexander
Metro | Life

Sitting in a room with Hollywood legend Michael Douglas is a borderline supernatural experience.

Not only is Douglas bona fide cinema royalty (he is the son of the iconic Kirk Douglas and a veteran award-winning actor and producer in his own right), but it was only a few short years ago that he wasn't expected to live, written off as terminal by tabloids and reliable news portals alike as he battled the late stages of a rare kind of throat cancer.

But survive Douglas did and, against all odds, he even thrived, first winning a well-deserved Emmy for his portrayal of Liberace in Steven



Michael Douglas co-stars in Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's new thriller. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soderbergh's *Behind the Candelabra*, then signing on as the lead in Marvel's upcoming *Ant-Man* and now, serving as the co-star and producer of director Jean-Baptiste Léonetti's pulse-pounding new thriller *Beyond the Reach*.

The film (based on a young-adult book called *Deathwatch* by Robb White) sees Douglas playing a kind of rugged riff on his *Wall Street* character, Gordon Gekko, as a millionaire game hunter who takes a young man (Jeremy Irvine)

with him into the Mojave Desert to hunt a rare big-horned ram. When tragedy strikes, the desperate Douglas turns his target on his protégé, with terrifying results. It's a fine film with a full-throttle, unhinged and unpredictable

“Getting one of these indie movies made is never easy.”

Michael Douglas

Douglas performance.

“I wanted to do it,” Douglas told us at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

“I was always going to produce it, right from the beginning, but I thought that as far as getting one of these indie movies made, which is never easy anymore, that my presence in the actual movie would be able to add something.”

His scenery-devouring turn — over the top, yet always expertly controlled — pushes *Beyond the Reach* into the abstract. “This character is a West Coast millionaire who has it all and is always in control. But he flips out when pushed too far. When he's pushed to extremes, the beast comes out. I wanted to dissolve into the worst motherf—er alive.”

IN BRIEF

Douglas loves his work, but not the artifice of film

Michael Douglas' broad-strokes performance in *Beyond the Reach* is offset by stunning location desert photography.

“We shot ... at Shiprock in New Mexico,” he says, adding, “If you're going to film in New Mexico, it's essential you get a grip crew locally. These guys were like another species of human being ... (they) go up these mountains, carrying cases and cameras, doing impossible things.”

While Douglas still takes joy in working and, post-recovery, has become more prolific, the artifice of cinema leaves him cold. “Too many times I'll watch a film and it ends exactly how I thought it was going to end,” he says.

“I love sporting events more because you never know how they will turn out. But after I wrap a film, when it's done, I only watch it once. Only once. And then I'm done. See, I love the process of making movies. Not so much the process of watching them.”

CANADIAN FILM

Denis Villeneuve thrilled film *Sicario* chosen for Cannes

Quebec film director Denis Villeneuve's longtime dream has come true.

His star-studded English-language project *Sicario* is headed to the Cannes Film Festival and will vie for the Palme d'or against 16 other films, including Todd Haynes's

Carol, Paolo Sorrentino's *Youth*, and Gus Van Sant's *The Sea of Trees*.

For the maker of films including *Prisoners*, *Polytechnique* and the Oscar-nominated *Incendies*, the selection for the prestigious festival is a thrill. “I'm really moved that I'll be able to participate this year with this film and I wasn't

expecting to be chosen.” Villeneuve told a news conference in Montreal on Thursday.

Villeneuve's latest feature follows an FBI agent tackling the brutal world of international drug trafficking.

Sicario stars Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro and Josh Brolin and is set for release in September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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COMEDY Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2

Director: Andy Fickman
Starring: Kevin James, Nick Bakay

After six years of keeping our malls safe, Paul Blart has earned a well-deserved vacation. He heads to Vegas with his teenage daughter before she heads off to college. But safety never takes a holiday.

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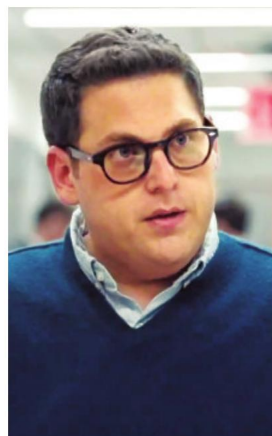
MYSTERY & HORROR Unfriended

Director: Levan Gabriadze
Starring: Shelley Hennig, Moses Jacob Storm

Unfriended unfolds over a teenager's computer screen as she and her friends are stalked by an unseen figure who seeks vengeance for a shaming video that led a vicious bully to kill herself a year earlier.

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89% + 91%



DRAMA True Story

Director: Rupert Goold
Starring: Jonah Hill, James Franco

When disgraced New York Times reporter Michael Finkel (Jonah Hill) meets accused killer Christian Longo (James Franco) — who has taken on Finkel's identity — his investigation morphs into an unforgettable game of cat-and-mouse. Based on actual events.

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TELEVISION IN BRIEF

NatGeo finds its funny bone

The National Geographic Channel, not usually a place you'd look for laughs, is making its first comedy.

The network said Wednesday that it is making a mini-series, History of the World ... For Now, that takes on the broadest of possible topics with the help of cartoons, puppets and the like. It is expected to air next winter.

"I know it may sound like

oil and water, but I refuse to believe our sophisticated National Geographic audience is not ready" to experiment with a new genre, said Tim Pastore, the network's president of original programming and production. The network is making it with producers John Altschuler and Dave Krinsky, whose previous credits include HBO's Silicon Valley and Fox's King of the Hill.

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Planet Earth gets sequel

The sweeping documentary series Planet Earth is getting a sequel.

Our Planet will focus on the Earth's last wilderness areas and the animals living there, the project's British producers said this week.

The filmmakers said they plan to use the latest digital camera technology as they venture from the planet's ice caps to ocean depths to deserts and remote forests.

Audiences will have to be patient: The eight-part series will take four years to make and is planned for a 2019 debut for Netflix customers internationally.

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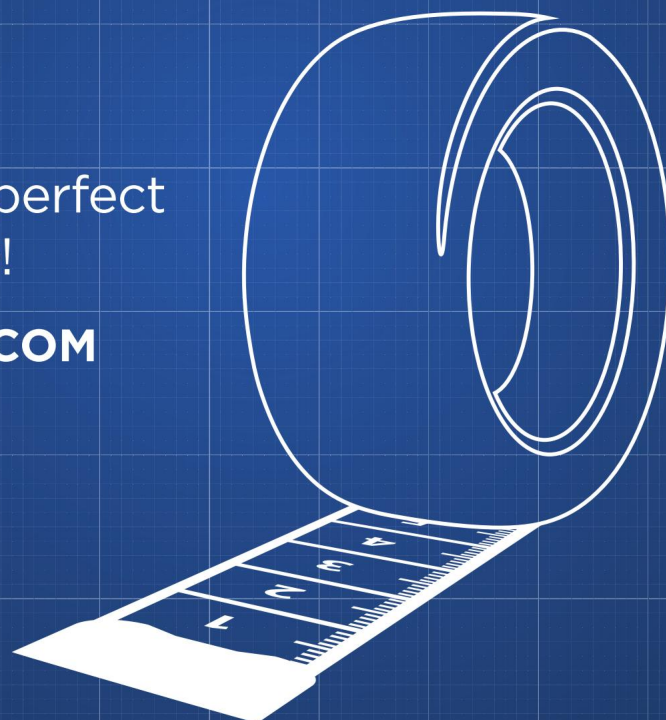


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Fourth season of OITNB ordered

Netflix has confirmed its fourth order of *Orange Is the New Black*, though the company is yet to reveal how many episodes season 4 will consist of.

A new teaser for the prison-set comedy drama starring Taylor Schilling was released earlier this week. Season 3 will premiere in on the streaming service in June.

AFP



OITNB star Taylor Schilling
LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

ADAPTATIONS

Is Jolie set to direct Captain Marvel?

Collider claims that Angelina Jolie, who most recently directed biopic *Unbroken*, is being considered for the latest Marvel Studios project.

Captain Marvel, a.k.a. Carol Danvers, is one of the highest-profile female superheroes in the Marvel comic-book canon, and so the studio has already signed up two of Hollywood's top female screenwriters —

Nicole Perlman and Meg LeFauve — to ensure a faithful transition from page to screen.

Although other publications have questioned the validity of the story — Jolie has also been linked with the vacant *Wonder Woman* director's chair — Collider is standing by its studio sources.

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Deborah Ann Woll stars as Karen Page in *Daredevil*. GETTY IMAGES

Daredevil star 'a very proud dork'

DEBORAH ANN WOLL

Marvel character starts off sweet but turns into a drug addict

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life



“

Dungeons and Dragons isn't like acting, but it is that idea that you can be braver when you're someone else."

Actress Deborah Ann Woll, on role-playing games

A quick Internet search turns up many adjectives used to describe *Daredevil* star Deborah Ann Woll; gorgeous, talented and cute to name just a few.

The redheaded actress uses other terms to describe herself.

"There's nerd, geek, all those words," she says. "I am settling closer and closer to dork. I am a very proud dork."

The former *True Blood* star — she played fierce teenage vampire Jessica Hamby for seven seasons on the hit show — embraces her inner dork — "I'm *Dungeons and Dragons* player, a *Mystery Science Theatre* buff. I like board games."

She says the role playing games have benefits beyond entertainment value.

"Something like *Dungeons and Dragons* or a board game is a way for me to be social but it takes some of the responsibility off of me myself. If I don't feel impressive as myself, I can feel impressive as Mistress Pyrona,

the Genosi Sword Maiden. Like my acting, it gives me a little bit of support."

On the Netflix series *Daredevil*, she plays Karen Page, secretary and soon-to-be love interest of Matt Murdock, a blind lawyer who moonlights as crime fighter *Daredevil*.

The character has been around since the first *Daredevil* comic in 1964 but has changed substantially over the years. Page began as innocent and sweet, but slowly morphed into a "heroin-addicted porn star," a character that gives Woll lots to work with.

"I like characters that change. For my Karen I said, 'All right, she's going to have moments when she's innocent, sweet and fun to be around and she'll have moments where she's dark and a little addicted to that adrenaline rush and danger. I want both of those things to live in her at the same time.'"

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Gisele struts off into the sunset



Gisele Bündchen celebrates with fellow models after her final show. ANDRE PENNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPERMODEL

NFLer husband totally fine with runway retirement



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In Hollywood

Gisele Bündchen has officially retired from the runway life, walking her last catwalk in Brazil this week, and her husband, Tom Brady, decided to take the opportunity to let the world know how into her he is.

"I have never met someone with more of a will to succeed and determination to overcome any obstacle in the way," Tom gushed on Facebook — maybe it was supposed to be a private message instead? "You never cease to amaze me. Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next. I love you."

Then he threw in a couple of hashtags — "#GOAT" and "#thebestisyettocome" — because no heartfelt message is complete without hashtags. Not these days, at least.

As for why Bündchen is putting an end to her successful runway modelling career? Her body told her to.

"Nobody loves life more than you and your beauty runs much deeper than what the eye can see. I can't wait to see what's next."

Tom Brady in Facebook note to wife Gisele Bündchen

"Automatically my body tells me if what I do is worth it, and it asked to stop," she told Brazilian newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo. "I respect my body. It's a privilege to be able to stop."

ENGAGED

Nicki Minaj flashes brand new bling

Nicki Minaj is engaged, and she's got the massive heart-shaped ring to prove it! The rapper took to Twitter to reveal the impressive piece of bling given to her by now-fiancé Meek Mill.

"Both Meek and Nicki have

been spending amazing quality time together lately and have gotten extremely close these past few months," a source tells E! News.

"It may seem like it all is happening very quickly but Nicki and Meek are in this 100 (per cent). They truly love each other."

And just how impressive is that ring? "This looks like a 15-carat fancy yellow heart modified brilliant cut diamond mounted in platinum with a double halo of white pavé diamonds," jewelry expert Morgan Shara says. "This would retail for approximately \$500,000."

Damn, girl. NED

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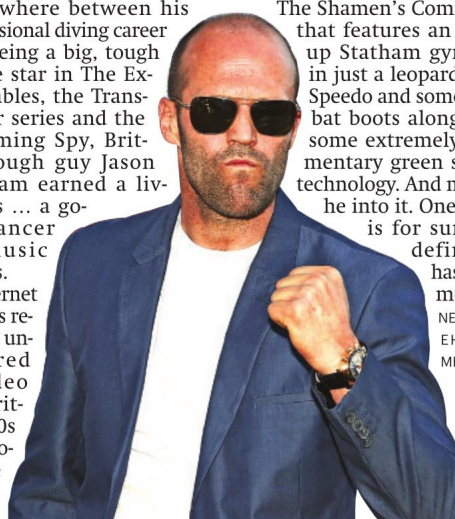
Statham can't hide from go-go boy past

Somewhere between his professional diving career and being a big, tough movie star in The Expendables, the Transporter series and the upcoming Spy, British tough guy Jason Statham earned a living as ... a go-go dancer in music videos.

Internet sleuths recently uncovered a video for British '90s techno-hippie band

The Shamen's Comin' On that features an oiled-up Statham gyrating in just a leopard-print Speedo and some combat boots along with some extremely rudimentary green screen technology. And man, is he into it. One thing is for sure, he definitely has some moves.

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IN BRIEF

Sony hack docs now in searchable online archive

Whistleblower site WikiLeaks has put hundreds of thousands of emails and documents from last year's Sony hack into a searchable online archive.

In December, Sony suffered a crippling cyber-attack ahead of the release of the movie The Interview, set in North Korean. An unknown organization leaked the documents and other damaging information online, but not in an easily searchable database.

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WikiLeaks says that its database includes more than 170,000 emails from Sony Pictures Entertainment and a subsidiary, plus more than 30,000 other documents.

Lady Antebellum's tour bus catches fire

A tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum caught fire along an interstate near Dallas, but no one was injured.

Singer Hillary Scott posted on the group's Facebook page that she, her husband, their tour manager and the driver were on the Dallas-bound bus when a tire caught fire Thursday morning.

Scott says everyone safely evacuated, writing "EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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East Nashville finds its groove

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Stroll among eclectic mix of eateries, coffee shops, stores

A trip to Nashville wouldn't be complete without a visit to the honky-tonks of lower Broadway and a pilgrimage to the "mother church of country music," the Ryman Auditorium, but once you've hit those, consider a trip across the river to Nashville's hippest neighbourhood.

East Nashville started out as a separate city of country estates, enjoying a post-Civil War boom in the 1870s and 1880s, according to local historian and East Nashville resident Jim Hoobler.

Beginning in 1916, a huge fire, the Great Depression and flight to the suburbs took their toll. Restoration of the area's many Victorian homes and bungalows began in the 1970s, and has helped turn it into one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods.

Eat, drink and walk Nashville

Today, visitors can easily spend a day or more sampling East Nashville's boutiques, restaurants, brew pubs and clubs. There are too many fun spots to list them all, but a good place to start is the pedestrian-friendly Five Points neighbourhood.

Here Marché Artisan Foods (1000 Main St.) serves up a European-style seasonal



Across the Cumberland River from downtown, East Nashville is the hippest part of the city (top), where Leah Larabell mixes tea at High Garden (bottom left), and handmade flies are on display at Jones Fly Company. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

menu in a sunny room that is always packed. In addition to sit-down meals, Marché sells baked goods and locally sourced packaged food.

Chef Margot McCormack has another popular restaur-

ant nearby, Margot Café and Bar (1017 Woodland St.), which serves rustic French and Italian cuisine for dinner and Sunday brunch. Reservations can be hard to get, but sometimes there's room



at the bar.

A cheaper, humbler meal can be found at I Dream of Weenie (113 S. 11th St.), a hotdog restaurant run out of an old Volkswagen bus. Across the street is the Pied

OUTDOORS

After all that food, burn a few calories by checking out a free bike from Shelby Bottoms Nature Center (1900 Davidson St.) and riding the 950-acre Shelby Bottoms Park's greenway next to the Cumberland River. The adjoining Shelby Park offers another 336 acres complete with nine- and 18-hole golf courses.

Or travel west along the river to Cumberland Park. Just a walking-bridge away from downtown, this kid-friendly spot includes a "sprayground" where jets of water offer relief on hot summer days.

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distance. Or rent a bicycle for the trip from the nearby Nashville B-cycle station (109 S. 11th St.). Basic rentals are \$5 for the first hour, \$1.50 each additional half-hour.

Don't miss Jones Fly Co., where workers tie feathers and animal hair around tiny hooks, making mock bug lures that anglers use to fool fish.

For a moment of calm, visit High Garden, selling both traditional teas and herbal infusions with names such as "overworked," "warrior blend" and "airway to heaven." Take a bag to go or share a pot with a friend in the small seating area. There's a selection of books and games for the tables, but laptops are not allowed. Yes, you read that correctly.

"This is not a place to escape, it's a place to be," co-owner Leah Larabell explains.

'Southern artisan chocolate'

Six blocks away is Olive and Sinclair Chocolate Co. (1628 Fatherland St.), where Scott Witherow roasts, stone-grinds and sells what he calls "Southern artisan chocolate." If it's a Saturday, you can tour the factory for \$5, including your very own hairnet.

At Barista Parlor (519 B Gallatin Ave.), the coffees have complicated back stories and can be served cold with mixers that make them feel more like cocktails. Food includes inventive house-made "Pop's Tarts," doughnuts and macaroons.

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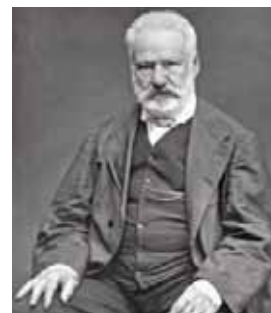
A recently launched map allows users to discover Edinburgh via its literary history, while an ongoing mapping project getting buzz this week delves into Shakespeare-era London. With these interactive maps, the world's literary capitals are just a click away. **AFP**

**Edinburgh as seen by Scott and Stevenson**

Launched late last month, Lit Long: Edinburgh incorporates nearly 550 novels, stories, memoirs and journals focusing on the 19th and early 20th centuries — Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and Muriel Spark all appear — but also tying in works by the likes of Alexander McCall Smith and Irvine Welsh. The map is the visual, interactive output of the Palimpsest project, created to mine texts such as these. **litlong.org**

**Shakespeare's London**

Prof. Janelle Jenstad of the University of Victoria is behind the Map of Early Modern London (MoEML), which uses a 1560s woodcut map of London known as the "Agas" map and overlays it with references to people, places, topics and terms to provide a virtual visit of Shakespeare-era London. The Atlantic's CityLab featured the map this week. **mapoflondon.uvic.ca/dev/agas.htm**

**The France of Hugo and Flaubert**

You may need to brush up on your French for this one, but Cartographie littéraire de la France by the Strasbourg bookstore Ivres de Livres covers the rich literary past of not just Paris but of the country as a whole. Follow Victor Hugo (pictured) and Émile Zola through the streets of Paris, or see Normandy as Flaubert depicted it in *Madame Bovary*. **cartographie-litteraire.net**

**San Francisco, city of Beats**

The San Francisco Chronicle has created The Literary City, with references from *The Kite Runner*, *The Joy Luck Club* (by Amy Tan, pictured), *The Maltese Falcon* and *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* all matched to their location in the city, and a number of key Beat hangouts all given their due. **sfchronicle.com/theliterarycity**

TRAVEL NOTES CALIFORNIA TREASURE, ECO-HOTELS AND KENTUCKY'S BIGGEST PARTY**Re-opening: Hollyhock House**

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright's 1921 Los Angeles landmark Hollyhock House is ready to once again welcome visitors after a \$4.3 million restoration that began nearly a

decade ago. Donated to the city in 1927 by the owner, oil heiress Aline Bardsdall, the 17-room, 5,000-sq. ft. concrete house is California modernism at its finest. Visit **Barnsdall.org** for more details on the property.

Tool: Green accommodation

New, eco-conscious booking platform Green Hotel World helps you minimize your travel impact on the environment. The site lists only green-certified hotels and supports those that sustain

the local community. It features a rating system so you know just how green each hotel is, and compensates for the carbon emissions of your stay by donating to MyClimate. Visit **GreenHotel-World.com**.

Bucket List:**The Kentucky Derby**

The 141st running of "the greatest two minutes in sports" is coming up May 2. Three-year-old thoroughbreds will compete for a \$2-million purse at the storied

Churchill Downs, capping off a two-week party in Louisville that includes fireworks, a marathon, music and mint juleps. Don't forget to pack the seersucker suits and fancy hats. Visit **KentuckyDerby.com**. **DOUG WALLACE**

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NBL CANADA

Rainmen's McMorrow released from hospital

Halifax Rainmen centre Liam McMorrow has been released from hospital and hasn't suffered any serious injuries, the National Basketball League of Canada announced Thursday.

Medical personnel carried the seven-foot-two, 275-pound player off the court on a stretcher Wednesday night after he fell hard midway through the fourth quarter of a road game against the Windsor Express.

Halifax fell 113-104 to the defending champions at the WFCU Centre in Game 1 of the best-of-seven NBL Canada championship series.

"Liam McMorrow of the Halifax Rainmen was taken to the hospital for evaluation," the league said on social media. "NBL Canada is pleased to report that he has been released and cleared by medical staff. Liam sustained no damage and his return is day-to-day."

McMorrow, a 27-year-old Tennessee Tech alum from Toronto, joined the Rainmen roster in late January.

Game 2 tips off Friday night at 8 p.m. AT in Windsor. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Liam McMorrow
HALIFAX RAINMEN

Saulnier making herstory

HOCKEY

Forward has 'never felt so proud' of being Nova Scotian



Kristen Lipscombe
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From putting on her "game face" while playing, to getting a pie in the face on national television, Halifax native Jillian Saulnier's first world championship experience was "unforgettable" — despite settling for silver.

Not only was the women's world championship earlier this month a new experience for the 23-year-old forward, but it also marks the first time a female Nova Scotian has represented Canada at such a high level.

"It definitely surpassed any expectation of wearing the Maple Leaf at a world championship," Saulnier said recently, "regardless of the outcome."

Canada's women fell 7-5 to longtime rival United States in



Halifax native Jillian Saulnier in action with Team Canada at the 2014 Four Nations Cup last November in Kamloops, B.C. DEREK LEUNG/HOCKEY CANADA

the final game of the prestigious tournament, held March 28-April 4 in Malmö, Sweden.

"Being a part of that team, being able to compete ... with such talent — there's only one location you can do that," Saulnier said.

"And that's with that team, playing with the best players in the whole world, and that's

something that will never be replaced."

As usual, Canada was all business in its pursuit of gold, the team motto "it's game day" motivating the red and white on the ice.

"That was our focus," the five-foot-five, 144-pound Cornell Big Red product said. "The game face, and the intensity of every

game, was something that ... to me (was) a highlight."

Memories off the ice also stand out for Saulnier from exploring nearby Copenhagen with dad Darren, to "the fun that was in the dressing room, the pranks that the girls pulled on TSN."

"Just the laughing," she said of special moments, which in-

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Hopefully I will be granted another opportunity to win that gold, because it is my ultimate life goal.

Team Canada forward Jillian Saulnier of Halifax

cluded veterans surprising rookies with whipped cream pies while the unsuspecting youngsters answered media questions.

"The celebrations on the bench after we scored," she added, "and just the pride in being Canadian."

And in being a Bluenoser.

"The focus was on making the team, ... but when I found out that I was the first female from Nova Scotia, I was very humbled and very honoured by the support."

Saulnier said she's received hundreds of messages from well wishers across the province.

"I've never felt so proud to be where I'm from."

QMJHL PLAYOFFS

Mooseheads focus in on 'little details' for Game 5

There's a lot on the line Friday night in Fredericton.

Whichever team wins, the visiting Halifax Mooseheads or the hosting Moncton Wildcats, claims the edge in their quarter-final QMJHL playoff series.

The Wildcats tied the best-of-seven series with two straight wins, 4-3 on Tuesday and 3-2 in overtime Wednesday, at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.

The Mooseheads claimed

the first two games, 7-3 and 6-3 wins last weekend, both at the Moncton Coliseum.

So it's sure to be tense when the puck drops Friday at the Aitken University Centre, where Game 5 is being held

due to scheduling conflicts.

"Doing the little details," Herd defenceman Austyn Hardie said of what will make the difference on the ice.

"It worked tonight," he said of the Mooseheads coming

back Wednesday, a Danny Moynihan shot in the extra frame almost crossing the goal-line before Wildcats forward Will Smith banged it out.

"We were really close to winning it."

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Pittsburgh aces Malkin and Crosby kept quiet once again

GAME 1 In Manhattan



Derick Brassard and Ryan McDonagh scored in the first period and Henrik Lundqvist made the goals stand up as the New York Rangers won the opener of their playoff series with the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 Thursday night.

New York shut down Pittsburgh's top threats, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, for a fourth straight victory over the Penguins in the post-season.

The Rangers won the final three games of a second-round series last year, rallying from a 3-1 deficit. In compiling the best record in the NHL, the Rangers finished 15 points ahead of Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference.

But after the first period, these were two very even teams, with Lundqvist and Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury particularly outstanding. Lundqvist finished with 24 saves, while Fleury was far busier in making 36.



Derick Brassard scores against Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury in Game 1 of the Rangers' first-round series on Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. GETTY IMAGES

Blake Comeau scored in the second period for Pittsburgh.

Game 2 is in New York on Saturday night.

Brassard got things started only 28 seconds in when Fleury sent the rebound of

Rick Nash's hard slap shot directly into the slot. Brassard was uncovered for a quick wrist shot, the centre screaming in delight as the puck went in.

The Garden fans were celebrating again late in the period when New York's slump-

ing power play connected. On its third of four man-advantages — and the only one that threatened — in the opening 20 minutes, McDonagh's slapper from midpoint sneaked past Fleury.

Although New York kept control early in the second period, Comeau lifted the Penguins within one, knocking in a rebound with congestion around Lundqvist's crease for his first career playoff goal.

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IN BRIEF

Red Wings' Datsyuk shows Bolts how it's done

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice and Petr Mrazek had 44 saves in his NFL playoff debut to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series Thursday night.

Datsyuk scored on two of the first four shots the Red Wings got against Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop. Luke Glendening's short-handed goal gave Detroit a 3-1 lead early in the third period.

Mrazek, named Detroit's starter for Game 1 over veteran Jimmy Howard, gave up a short-handed goal to Brian Boyle in the first and a late goal to Nikita Nesterov that enabled the Lightning to pull within 3-2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stone questionable for remainder of series

Scoring leader Mark Stone's health is "very questionable" for the rest of the first round of the NHL playoffs and the Ottawa Senators are not happy with how it happened.

General manager Bryan Murray said Thursday that Stone suffered a microfracture of his right wrist and some ligament damage from a slash by the Montreal Canadiens' P.K. Subban in the series opener.

Some reports said the league decided further discipline against Subban wasn't needed.

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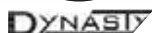
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Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the fettuccine and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until just tender. Add asparagus during last 2 minutes. Drain and place in a large serving bowl. Cover to keep warm.

2. Meanwhile, in a saucepan off the heat, combine the stock, evaporated milk, mustard, pepper and garlic. Slowly whisk in the flour until smooth. Place the saucepan over medium heat and bring to a slight boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, whisking constantly for 4 to 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove from the heat and whisk in the cream cheese and 4 Tbsp of the Parmesan cheese, whisking just until the cheese is melted.

3. Pour over pasta, add salmon, dill and remaining 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 1/2 lb fettuccine
- 8 thin asparagus stalks, trimmed and cut into small pieces
- 1 cup cold chicken (or



vegetable) stock

- 3/4 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup light cream cheese (about 2 oz)
- 6 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 oz sliced smoked salmon
- 2 Tbsp chopped dill

Nutritional information

per serving

- Calories 375
- Protein 20 g
- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Fibre 2.9 g
- Total fat 7 g
- Saturated fat 3.4 g
- Cholesterol 15 mg
- Sodium 390 mg

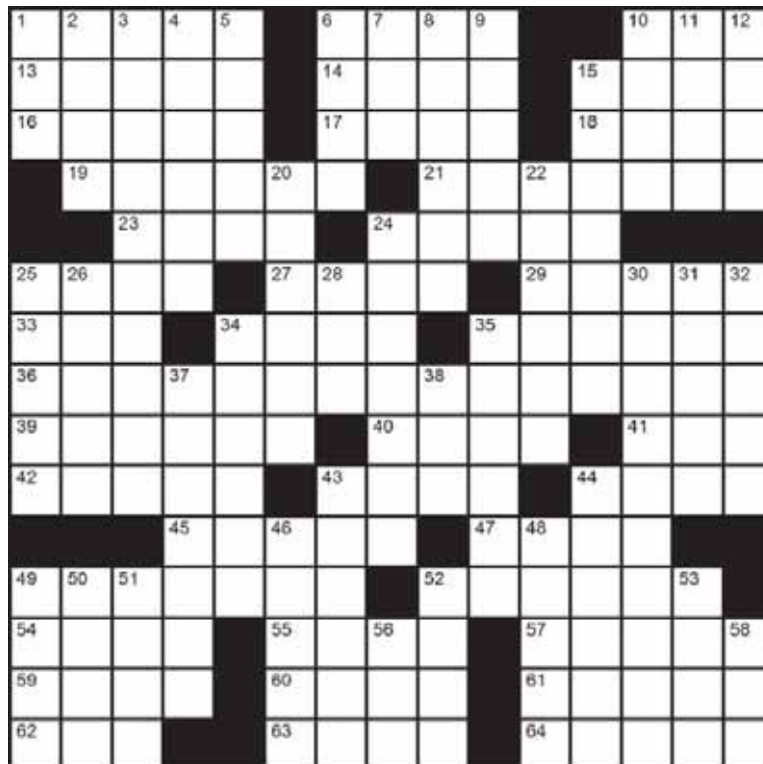
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Fretful feeling
6. Barbera d'__ (Wine of Piedmont, Italy)
10. Progressive Insurance commercials employee's name
13. Singer Ms. Jones
14. Boyfriend
15. Gather
16. Debonair
17. Respiratory organ
18. Whale movie
19. Scornful
21. City in the North Cariboo area of BC
23. Grim
24. "The Brothers McMullen" (1995) star Edward
25. Falling out
27. Gin flavouring
29. Homemade salad dressing ingredient
33. Antacid brand
34. "The Secret of ___ Inish" (1994)
35. Ground corn food staple
36. Now on stage at the Canadian Opera Company, The ___ (More at #15-Down!)
39. Like a broken promise
40. King Eurystus' daughter whose hand in marriage was offered as an archery prize
41. Pot's top
42. Electrical pioneer Nikola



43. About: 2 wds.
44. Reuben breads
45. City in northern France
47. Tart
49. Capital of Iraq
52. The Skipper's vessel, with S.S.
54. Bread spread
55. Shield's cen-

- tre knob
57. Painter Mr. Degas
59. Rush, office-style
60. Bug killer brand
61. Ms. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"
62. Hill kind
63. Baie-Sainte-__

- NB
64. The Red __ (RCMP dress uniform)

DOWN

1. Li'l reply
2. French pronoun
3. Largest city in BC's Boundary Country: 2 wds.
4. "Oh, puh-leeze.": 2 wds.
5. TLC's "Untold Stories of ___"
6. With competence
7. Romanian currency
8. Chequing account place, in Quebec
9. Prognosticate
10. Common plant

11. Dainty fabric
12. Ring stone
15. Composer of the opera buffa at #36-Across
20. Luxurious locale
22. Salad ingredient
24. Built blaze
25. Counter, as a debater
26. Absurd
28. Philosopher, __-tzu
30. Pirate ship flag: 2 wds.
31. Slapstick comic Mr. Hardy, to fans
32. Requires
34. Covered the debt
35. USA: Congresswoman, Nancy __
37. Hotel lobby worker
38. HELP!
43. Neil Young song that goes: "I'm a lot like you were.": 2 wds.
44. __ Park, in Edmonton
46. Ms. Dern of "Wild" (2014)
48. Three Dog Night song bit: "___ the loneliest number..."
49. Ship
50. Too
51. Equipment
52. Fashion
53. Vera of wedding gowns
56. Trash-putting locale
58. Des'__, British R&B singer

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

You have no intention of giving in just because someone in a position of power is on your case. Anyone who thinks you will just roll over and play dead today will learn the hard way that you can bite as well as bark.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

A few days from now the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy today and over the weekend - because you are going to need it very soon.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

Someone you meet while on the move will be fun but are they trustworthy? The planets warn that you must not let your guard down because if you give away a secret about yourself today it won't be long before everyone knows about it.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

People come to you with their problems all the time, which is nice in a way, but unless you want the entire day to be taken up listening to sob stories you will need to draw a line.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Push any problems you have on the work front to one side and promise yourself that you will deal with them next week. The Sun's change of signs on Monday will sweep them all away and you won't actually have to do anything yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Life may not be a bundle of fun at the moment but don't worry about it. The Sun moves in your favour in a few days time and once it does the smile will return to your face.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Have a good time today. Go out and enjoy yourself. But watch how much you spend and watch who you spend it on, because some of your so-called friends will bleed you dry if you let them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Time spent planning is rarely time wasted, so find room in your busy schedule to look ahead and plan what you are going to be doing when the Sun moves into your opposite sign next week. Make it something you can do with other people.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Look for a compromise solution to a dispute. Yes, you may honestly believe that you are blameless and that the other party should admit that fact and make concessions but it isn't going to happen.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't let anyone tell you that certain things cannot be done. What seems difficult, maybe even impossible, at this moment in time will become much easier when the Sun changes signs on Monday.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

No matter how settled and secure you feel at the moment something will shake you up a bit over the next few days and that's good. It was never your destiny to take the easy or the quiet route through life.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Let someone you respect and admire know how much they mean to you. You have benefited a lot from their advice and assistance in recent weeks and it is only right that you acknowledge that fact.

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